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urance of a sun, that fresh young girl, as daffodils, held out the alluring hope of fuller beauty later on—the hope which makes spring so adorable.

An hour later the junior surgeon was used to the sight of the young man, where that testy little fighter sat eating his breakfast of soft boiled eggs, toast and coffee, while Cassandra wobbled about the table in search of crumbs. To see the general eat breakfast in the morning was a rare sight, a disconcerting fact that good table manners and greatness rarely dwell together. They had known each other many years—were, in fact, friends of the family. It had been on the auspicious occasion of the junior surgeon's first pair of breeches that General Grub had offered his hand and heart to Miss Lucretia, the junior surgeon's young mother. It was, however, a valid reason Mrs. Lucretia had refused to marry, but she had not the power to keep that piousdified officer from considering her ever after as the only woman in the world.

"How the deuce did you find Fledging?" asked the junior surgeon when Grub had spoken. The young fellow told his tale with a simple brevity tantamount to him, yet at the end the listening general was conscious that Fledging deserved the honor that could be conferred upon him.

"Bad wounds?" he asked testily.

"Yes," said the junior surgeon.

"Goin' to die?"

"Die?" squawked Cassandra. "Die?" She sometimes uttered an affected giggle and added, "It's the fortunes of war—the fortunes of war!"

The junior surgeon turned upon her savagely. "Blank that bird!"—Short Stories.

An Unexpected Egg.

The ways of a hen are often original and sometimes funny. One day, when a Plymouth Rock did novel and amusing things, to the joy of a carload of passengers, on a recent trip from Braddock to Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette once had a story about a hen, and then, promptly, a man who was evidently a foreigner got on the trolley car at Braddock. He was drowsy and not quite sober, and he crossed his legs, set the hen on his lap and laid an egg.

Four miles out of Braddock the hen suddenly woke from its own reverie and cackled. Its owner opened his eyes and found himself and his hen observing the other passengers. He was angry, but the passengers had more or less excuse for staring. They had discovered a fresh egg resting snugly on the man's lap.

No one could speak the man's language, but every one was bound that he should know what had happened. Twenty index fingers pointed to the hen, and 40 eyes were turned in the same direction. Finally the stranger looked at the hen tenderly, and the secret was revealed.

Then he was wide awake. With his left hand he held the egg aloft, that all might see; with his right hand he affected to wipe his eyes. He was a body smilled. All at once it seemed to occur to him that refreshments were in order. He grinned at his fellow passengers, tapped the shell on the edge of the seat to open a way to the interior and swallowed the egg.

Emulated Hannibal.

When Admiral George Dewey and his fleet of big ships were in the children together in Montpelier, Vt., they read an account of Hannibal crossing the Alps. According to Max Bennett Thrasher, who relates the incident in *Six Culture*, the boy was strongly impressed by the story. In fact, he seems to have been with almost anything pertaining to war.

Just back of the stables is a high and very steep hill, at that time probably covered with snow. He climbed a very few feet before he was able to perch upon its slopes. Fitting himself and his sister out with such impedimenta as he thought suitable one winter day and naming the high hill "Hannibal," Dewey started to cross them, he being Hannibal and his sister the army. It was cold, and the ground was covered with deep snow, but the endurance of the army did not give out until after a long time. In fact, he was sick in bed for a week after as a result.

Between Admiral Dewey and his sister existed a sympathy of the most intense nature. It was a sympathy which led her after the battle of Manila to her: "Just a line to thank you for your kind letter and also for your prayers for my safety. Perhaps they did help. Who knows?"

A Newspaper of Colonial Days.

We have just read a copy of one of the oldest newspapers in America. It is the Boston Gazette of May 12, 1770, and is a very interesting and valuable piece of foreign and domestic. A full account of the Boston massacre is printed in the four three column pages. Its tone is in harmony with the rebellious spirit of the time, and it contains many allusions of a despotic monarch. Bitter as the people seemed, however, they were not yet ready to throw off the yoke. They only wanted the right of self government.

The editorial page of its editorial page is seen that men fought with the pen even at that early date. One article is directed against a man who signed himself "Bostonian" in *The Chronicle*, and another "Bostonian."

In the same paper is published a resolution boycotting English goods, which had been passed by the townspeople. The names of persons who refused to abide by the agreement are given, and the signers warned against trading with them.

A very graphic account of the Boston massacre is given, surrounded by broad black borders.—Portland Telegram.

The Benefit of Gargling.

If one gargles with water in their mouth twice or three daily with an antiseptic, there will be far less disease than there is now, since most diseases are taken into the mouth and from thence into the system. One can gargle with water, but it is not as carboic acid and water. There is a difference in the strength of carboic acid purchased at different chemists, so one should ask the chemist how much of the solution should be put into a tumbler of water. Hold a little of this mixture in the mouth, and if you can do so gargle the throat three times a day, and all disease germs that may be lurking there will perish.—Home

READING.

WHAT MAY I DO WITH DOWNS?

Their Inducement.

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Thursday, Dec. 28, 1899

POLITICALLY speaking, quite a number of distinguished gentlemen appear to be waiting to see the direction of the cat's jump.

If by some power not as yet discernible the Democratic party should be restored to full life and vigor within the next six months, more than ever politics would be politics in Montgomery county.

It would not be fair to charge Mr. Allen's downfall to the account of Sir John Wamaker. No. Might as well saddle on old Matt; he's so much more wicked than John, anyhow.

DWIGHT L. MOODY, the famous evangelist, died at his home in East Northfield, Massachusetts, last Friday. He broke down in Kansas where he was holding services, about a month ago, and gradually failed in vigor until the end came.

FOR the first time since the beginning of our civil war, the credit of the United States Government is stronger even on the English market than is the credit of the English Government itself. British consuls which pay 2 1/2 per cent. for three years, and afterward pay 2 1/2, sold on Saturday at 98 1/2, while our government 2 per cents. extended some years ago by Secretary Windom, sold at 102 1/2 in New York.

THE Urgency Deficiency Appropriation bill, the first of the important supply bills for government expenses is practically made up, and the total will amount to about \$51,000,000. The items have been sent in by the several departments, and these are being put together so that the appropriations committee will be able to submit the bill to the House soon after it assembles. Of this amount \$45,157,871 is asked for the War Department and \$3,113,740 for the Navy Department.

THE report of the Department of public instruction for the fiscal year ended May 31 last, the advance sheets of which have been issued, shows that there are nearly 28,000 public schools in Pennsylvania. These schools are attended by 1,152,352 pupils, an increase of nearly 10,000 in the number of pupils in attendance in 1898. Dr. Schaeffer states that the law passed by the last Legislature fixing the maximum school term at seven months brings an additional month of schooling within reach of over 200,000 children.

THE fertile brain of Editor Sellers of the Doylestown Republican, by a not altogether peculiar process of mental ratiocination, has reached the conclusion that "pessimism is worse than indigestion." Until this conclusion is upset by sufficient convincing argument to the contrary, Editor Sellers will please hold his place up front. We confess that we are not prepared to furnish any argument for or against the statement advanced, and are therefore inclined to accept Editor Sellers' judgment as final.

ONE Abraham L. Allen, a vigorous anti-Quayite of Philadelphia, has departed from that city to escape arrest for embezzling about \$10,000. In brief such is one of the reports issued by the daily papers of the Quaker city the past week. The wicked Quayites may now use arithmetic proportions to demonstrate that in human waywardness and want of sanctimony the Quay camp is not so fearfully lopsided, after all. Those who reason upon Allen's downfall from a tenable and dispassionate point of view will only observe another illustration of a well-established fact to wit: that no man, no political party, no faction of a party, no sect, has a monopoly of the cardinal virtues common to mankind.

THE Commissioner of Immigration for New York reports the arrival at that port during November of 30,593 immigrants, mostly from Southern Europe, and predicts that the total number for the fiscal year will fall little if any below 350,000. It will be safe to assume that at least 50,000 more will find their way into this country through other ports and across the Canadian border. It is the fashion in most circles to complain that this country is already overpopulated, especially in the section east of the Mississippi. It is evident, however, that the poorer classes in Europe still regard this country as the poor man's paradise, and in this conclusion they are certainly justified by the reports of their relatives, friends and neighbors who have preceded them to America.

A DISPATCH from Rome, Italy, December 22, reads: A terrific dis-

aster took place this afternoon at Amalfi, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cappuccini Hotel, slid bodily into the sea, and with it a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capuchin Monastery below, the Hotel Santa Caterina and several villas. Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards. The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. It is believed that the loss of life is heavy.

THE old year in departing will leave behind it many memories of the past. It will not take these with it. Whether of joy or sorrow, of sunshine or shadow, they will linger; while a new portion, as it were, of everlasting time will bring with it additional human experiences, bright hued or sombre to further swell the list. Though the average human life is but a span, the journey from the cradle to the grave but a step, how much is crowded therein. We struggle to live and live to struggle, and struggle to die; to finish the work of our lives and depart from the scenes of earth forever. In this world of struggle do we all stop as often as we should and take heed and see to it that we exert our best efforts to help others to help themselves as well as to help ourselves. Do we? Do we see to it as we go along that we are all doing something toward ushering in a higher and nobler manhood and womanhood? Do we all strive to make the world a little happier, a little better; and extend kind words of encouragement rather than harsh words of condemnation? Is there not room for much improvement in the lives of us all? These are a few of the considerations that are surely worth taking into special account. Let us all indulge in introspection as well as retrospection.

LETTER FROM THE LAND OF FLOWERS.

KEUKA LAKE, Fla., Dec. 16, '99.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—As men-

tion of our trip to the Land of Flowers has been made in your columns, possibly a description of the country in this vicinity may be of interest to the readers of the INDEPENDENT. We went via the Clyde line from New York on the S. S. "Comanche." A heavy wind and a choppy sea during the first 24 hours out made nearly all of the 273 passengers very sick. My cousin and I only missed one meal on the boat, although a few did not recover during the entire trip. Our first stop was made at Charleston; and in going up the harbor we had a very fine view of Fort Sumpter and Moultrie, as well as of Fort Jasper, the new fort which was built during our late "unpleasantness" with Spain. It would seem to be almost impossible for a hostile ship to enter this well protected harbor. We had over 700 tons of freight to be discharged at Charleston, as well as about 500 tons to be taken on board. This gave us about 8 hours to look about the city, but as we reached there at dark, we were at a disadvantage so far as sight-seeing is concerned. There are some fine old houses on the Battery overlooking the ocean. They all face the South and have large double verandas and are enclosed by a live oak, magnolia and palmetto trees. Business seems to be dead in Charleston. Scarcely any of the streets are illuminated, and electric cars seem to be about the only progressive sign in the city.

We reached Jacksonville, after being on the boat 72 hours. From there we took the train to Keuka, 75 miles southwest of Jacksonville. Keuka is situated in the heart of the orange district, but we have not seen any oranges since our arrival, as the trees were all frozen in 1895, and were again frozen to the ground last winter. Young trees have sprung from the stumps of the old ones, which are a foot in diameter. However, if no frost occurs for two or three years there will be plenty of oranges around here. Nevertheless, many people have been discouraged with the orange business, and are either letting their land lie idle or have sold it for a mere song. There are still some people who claim that these recent frosts in this section were extraordinary natural conditions that occur at only long intervals, and that much of the orange land which can now be bought for a few dollars per acre will in a few years command at least \$1000 per acre. If there was a reasonable certainty that their predictions will be fulfilled, no better investment could be found than Florida orange land. Keuka is a very quiet place of about 40 inhabitants. It boasts of one store where most of the necessities can be purchased; the balance must be bought at Palatka, 20 miles distant. No butcher, baker, shoemaker, doctor, dentist, or barber can exist in this neighborhood. Game is plentiful in this vicinity and we

have succeeded in shooting a number of rabbits and quail during the past week. There are a great many deer (not dears) and wild turkeys within seven or eight miles of Keuka; and the lakes, of which there are 43 within a radius of four miles, teem with fish, alligators and wild waterfowl. Our house is beautifully situated on Lake Keuka, which is a mile in length. We have thus far lured several bass out of this lake, and hope to do more along this line in future. The greatest curiosity here (unless it be the Florida "cracker") is the "razor-back" hog. He is nearly all nose and legs. His back is as sharp as a knife and it is covered with bristles about five inches long. His tail reaches nearly to the ground, and he scarcely ever measures more than four inches across the hips and can never be made to weigh more than about 100 pounds, even if he should get to be ten years old. He can run like a deer, jump a five rail fence and will fight a man or dog at close quarters. He roams through the woods for miles and when wanted is shot. They have no use here for our kind of hogs as they claim they must have a hog that can outrun any "nigger." The weather here has been very mild and balmy so far, although there was a little frost before we arrived. Roses are blooming in the front yard, young cabbage, radishes and lettuce are developing in the garden, tomato and strawberry plants are in bloom, and there are some small peaches on the peach trees. Altogether it seems like a very pleasant place to spend the winter, especially for anyone who does not enjoy the severity of our northern winters. Overcoats are of no use in these parts.

One of the grandest sights in the woods are the live oaks covered with moss, which hangs down from the branches and makes them look very beautiful. The people here are extremely hospitable and kind to us, and seem to desire us to have a good time. We are especially indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Clymer, former residents of Montgomery county, for the pleasant period we are enjoying. Mr. Clymer is a veteran fisherman, and what he doesn't know about the fish in these inland lakes is not worth finding out.

A. T. ALLEBAUGH.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22, '99.

The adjournment of Congress until January 3, was followed by a stampede of about two-thirds of the Senators Representatives, who intend to spend their holiday away from Washington. A subcommittee of the Roberts committee will take testimony during the recess, and on January 5, the committee will hear what lawyers have to say for and against Roberts, after which its report will be speedily handed to the House. Reputable Utah witnesses already testified that Roberts was living in polygamy when he was elected to Congress, and there isn't the slightest doubt that the committee will so report.

If resolutions could settle the Philippine question it would have been settled this week, as there was a regular flood of Philippine resolutions dumped on Congress, mostly in the Senate, and mostly a reiteration of the arguments in favor of the abandonment of the islands by the U. S. Not one of these resolutions has even the most remote chance of being adopted.

On every hand and from every class come tributes to the worth of Gen. Henry W. Lawton, well-called a "hero of four wars" who was killed this week by a Filipino sharpshooter. Hon. Charles Denby, of the Philippine Commission, who in addition to being from the same State—Indiana—was an old friend of Gen. Lawton's, said of him: "He was the bravest of the brave. He was an ideal soldier, as careful and prudent of everybody but himself as he was brave. I knew him well in the Philippines. I vainly reasoned with him as to his constant exposure of himself in battle. He told me at the time that he had been in 165 fights." Prof. D. C. Worcester, another Philippine Commissioner, said of Gen. Lawton: "He was always ready for duty. The quickness and accuracy with which he grasped every new situation and formed his plans for meeting it, and the energy and skill with which those plans were invariably carried out, combined with his splendid bravery to make him a matchless leader of men." Admiral Dewey said: "I knew and loved him; he was the bravest of the brave." Gen. J. C. Breckenridge, Inspector General of the army, said: "No army ever had a more reliable or indomitable soldier," and Gen. Miles said: "He was a splendid record for courage and judgment. He was a man of great energy, enterprising, and fearless in action—a thorough soldier. He was a very kind-hearted gentleman and noble man. He could suffer injustice, but I never knew him to do an unjust act to any one."

A party of Senators, Representatives and other officials, accompanied by the governors of Arizona and New Mexico, will spend the Congressional recess, visiting those territories. A movement is on foot

to get both of these territories admitted as States at the same time, which has strong supporters in both parties, owing to the belief that one of them would send two republican Senators and the other two democrats, making it an equal gain for both parties. Senator Bacon's Philippine resolution contains a new idea. He suggests that this government shall secure by treaty with the great nations of the world the perpetual independence of the Philippine Islands, after which it shall assist the natives of the islands to set up a government of their own, and then withdraw our troops and flag. Even if this idea were endorsed by the public sentiment of this country, there would be one insurmountable obstacle to its being carried out, and that is that not a single one of the great European powers, each of which would be glad to have the Philippines because of their commercial importance, would agree to such treaty as that proposed by Senator Bacon.

Hon. W. V. Allen, the newly appointed Senator from Nebraska, who was sworn in without objection just before Congress adjourned for the holidays, surprised a group of politicians by saying: "The coming campaign will not be fought on the money question. The west is for silver, but the people regard it as a hopeless cause and will not force it as a paramount issue." Mr. Allen's championship of silver during his last term in the Senate as well as his close relations with Mr. Bryan, who is credited with having secured his appointment as Senator, made the statement significant. It also added to the number of those who think that the democrats of the House followed a previously made programme in their debate on the Finance bill, which was notable by reason of the few out and out silver speeches made.

As expected the Senate Finance Committee reported its own bill as a substitute for the House Finance finance bill. The debate is to begin in the Senate January 4, and continue until a vote is reached. If the Senators return from the Christmas recess in the same frame of mind they were in when adjournment took place the debate is likely not to last more than four or five weeks. The bill will pass by a large majority when it is voted upon, and the wisecracks are predicting that the House will accept it.

A 445 Million Gallon Reservoir.

One of the largest reservoirs ever constructed is to be built by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for the purpose of supplying its engines and shops with water. It will be located five miles southeast of Galesburg, a division point on the main line, 163 miles from Chicago. The reservoir will be two and a half miles long, 1,500 feet wide, and 20 feet deep, and will have a capacity of 445,000,000 gallons.

Bald Headed Women.

From The New York Press.

A barber of twenty-seven years' experience in New York, one who seldom toils in his shop, but attends his patrons in their homes, said to me recently: "The general belief that there are no bald women is false. Some of the handsomest ladies in New York society have not a hair upon their heads. I go to their homes once or twice a month and shave their heads, and regularly dress their wigs. They would kill me if I were to mention their names, and you would be surprised to know who they are."

Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for January.

In order to adapt it more closely to the wants of the general public, and to make it more than ever before the medium of readable and trustworthy information on scientific subjects, the publishers of Appleton's Popular Science Monthly inaugurated with this number several marked changes in the magazine which will commend themselves to all classes of readers.

In the first place, the price is lowered to twenty-five cents, which puts the publication within the reach of every one who cares to keep up with the rapid march of discovery and the more important applications of new facts in the arts and industries. In the next place, the topics discussed are to be given a broad range, thus enlarging the scope of the magazine as a vehicle of useful and entertaining knowledge, and extending its appeal to a wider circle of readers. In a word, the philosophy of science which has heretofore been a prominent feature of the magazine is to give place to the facts and principles that apply directly to the concerns of everyday life.

A feature of the new departure will be the employment of distinguished specialists as writers on their respective subjects, who are able to present their ideas in a form suited to the general reader, and whose names give what they have to say the stamp of accuracy and authority.

These and some minor changes of form are introduced in the present number. To mention but a few of the articles, Sir Robert Ball, President of the Royal Astronomical Society, writes of the Advance of Astronomy in the Nineteenth Century; Prof. Charles E. Munroe treats of the Applications of Explosives, which is a variety of forms are now doing their duty in war; A. Panofsky, a Panofsky Anarchist is described and studied by Cesare Lombroso, the eminent Italian criminologist; What Makes the Trolley Car Go is explained and illustrated by Mr. William E. Baxter, C. E.; and there is also a timely article on the Destructive Effects of Vagrancy, by Robert S. Wyndham, electrician to the Department of Municipal Lighting in Brooklyn. President Jordan, of Stanford University, Miss Mary M. Patrick, President of the Woman's College in Constantinople, and Herbert Spencer, also have articles in the number.

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Bicycles built to order and parts of every description supplied. Wheels cut down and re-rimmed; Tires vulcanized. Repairs guaranteed at prices you can afford to pay.

Thankful to the public for past favors, I invite continued patronage.

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Main Street, Near Depot,
COLLEGEVILLE, PA.H. B. LONG & SON,
— IN THEIR —NEW RESTAURANT,
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Are ready at all times to give their patrons first class service. Just such meals as you want; all the delicacies of the season, and the best of everything the market affords. Oysters served in every style.

A home-like place for country people and townpeople to be served with meals or lunches. Remember the place, No. 5 West Main Street, next door to Register Office, and a few steps from Swede Street.

NOTICE.
All fox hunting on my premises for-bidden under penalty of the law.JOHN R. SHIRLEY,
Lower Providence, Pa.

NEW ARRIVALS

AT ROBINSON'S,

Buckwalter's Block, : : Royersford, Pa.

WATCH THIS SPACE.

We had a large stock of Holiday Goods. We have been successful beyond expectations. We thank you all for your kind patronage.

And now the holidays are over we do not intend to keep still, but will direct you

where and how to save money. Watch our prices, come examine our goods. No credit, no big price; we buy for cash, sell for cash, and save you money.

This week we intend to put on sale a large lot of heavy Fleeced Underwear for men; regular 50c. goods, our price 35c. Also Men's First-Quality Buckskin Gloves, with gauntlet, regular \$1.50, our price 98c.

No Holiday Attraction surpassed our
CARPETS
—AND—
OIL CLOTHS
Remember these when about to make
a New Year Gift to your own House-
hold.

BRENDLINGERS,

80 & 82 Main St. 213 & 215 DeKalb St.

NORRISTOWN, Pa.

Christmas

—AT—
BROWNBACK'SOur Holiday Display is
Now Complete.Please Consider This a Personal
Invitation

To come and see our display. Your presence will be appreciated if you buy or not; no trouble to show goods.

Lamps, plain and decorated, all new designs.
Fancy Glassware, in many designs.
Handsomely decorated China Vases, Salad Bowls, Fruit Plates, Berry Sets, Cups and Saucers, Dinner and Tea Sets.

A full line of Celluloid Albums, Work Boxes, Toilet Cases, Cuff and Collar Boxes, etc.
Fancy Framed Pictures, 24x30 inches.

All kinds of Story Books, Iron Toys, Games, etc.
Fancy Towels, Chenille Covers, and fancy Cushions.

You will find a full line of Candles, Nuts, Fruits, Citron and Orange Peel, XXXX Lozenge Sugar for Candy Making, Red and Blue Sugar for Fancy Decorating.

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At the BIG STORE

What Do You Think?

Ask your friends who have seen the Christmas display at the Big Store. They will tell you

There are presents for Mother.
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There are presents for your best girl.
There are presents for all your other girls.
There are presents for everyone.

And then what fun to pick and choose on the 5c. counter, on the 10c. counter, or on the 25c. and 50c. counter. No trouble here to get a selection and no trouble about the price, for the price is right, and your money back if you want it. The New Annex is chock full of goods, Toys, Novelties, Books, Games, Sleds, Wagons, Christmas Tree Ornaments, etc. Plenty of clerks to show you around. Then the wagons to haul home the purchases. Shopping made easy. Early buyers are being pleased greatly at our efforts.

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Thursday, Dec. 28, 1899

John H. Bartman is authorized to collect amounts due The Independent, and receive the names of new subscribers.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 8.15 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

On and after Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 20, morning service will be resumed at St. Paul's Memorial near Oaks. Services at Union church near Audubon discontinued for the winter and spring. Throughout the year at St. Paul's Memorial at 8.30 a. m.; during the winter and spring at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School service at 2.30 p. m. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month. All welcome. Rev. J. Douglas, rector.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor, Sunday School at 9 a. m. Communion service at 10.30 a. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.30 p. m. Quarterly Missionary meeting, under the auspices of the W. M. S. at 7.30 p. m. At this meeting addresses will be made by Editor Daniel Miller and student F. W. Kennedy. Services preparatory to the communion will be held on the second Saturday at 2 p. m. Congregational prayer meeting next Wednesday evening at 7.30. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. D. C. Kanfman, pastor. There will be no prayer meeting this week. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. In the evening the annual watch night service will be held, commencing at 10 p. m., and continuing till midnight.

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. R. Brodhead, pastor, Sunday School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m. Preaching, 7.30 p. m.

Lower Providence Baptist Church, Preaching service 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., every Sunday, Rev. Wm. Coatsworth, pastor. Bible school, 9.30 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30. Shalomville Mission, every second Sunday at 9.30 a. m. Annual meeting of the church, Sunday, Dec. 31, 1899, at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1900, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Annual meeting of vestry and congregation Jan. 1, 1900, at 9 a. m. Communion the first Sunday in January.

The Collegeville Church—Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7.30 o'clock. Saturday, December 30, 1899, at 10 o'clock. Sunday School, 9.30 a. m.; preaching at 10; the Junior C. E. prayer service at 2 p. m., and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service at 7 o'clock. No preaching in the evening.

The pastor will conduct catechetical and preaching services in the Skippackville church Sunday afternoon at 1.45 and 2.30 o'clock, respectively.

The pastor's sermons on Sunday will be special New Year's sermons.

HOME AND ABROAD.

—Another Christmas—
—Added to the forever past—
—And another—
—New Year almost here—
—The closing pages of the history of 1899 are being written.
—When completed the volume will not be the most uninteresting in the archives of human history.
—May the New Year bring less war and shedding of human blood than has been charged to the account of departing 1899.
—If you have in mind the adoption of one or more resolutions
—Next Monday, get well acquainted with them in the meantime.
—Sometimes too much suddenness is disastrous.
—To be sure, the making of a good resolution, as well as the keeping of it, should be in order any day.

—In giving 1899 a parting handshake the grip of the Frost King may be more than a mere touch.
—A report of the Collegeville schools for December has been furnished by the Principal, Prof. A. B. Hess, and will be published next week.

—A shooting match for turkeys will be held at Perkiomen Bridge hotel next Monday afternoon. Blue rock targets will be used.

—Mrs. William Vandercloof, of this borough, who was critically ill last week, is slowly recovering.

—Jesse Ziegler, living near Royersford, within the past week lost two valuable horses from spinal meningitis.

—Rev. Jacob Fry D. D., of Reading, paid a brief visit to Trappe, last week.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, of Lower Providence, who had the misfortune some time ago to slip and fall and break her left forearm is doing as well as can be expected.

—Three of Edward Flaherty's children, aged 8, 10 and 13 years respectively, died of diphtheria within thirty-six hours at Easton. Two of them were buried in one grave, Tuesday.

—The recent entertainment by the public schools of Ironbridge was an entire success. All performed their parts well; there was a full house and a neat sum was realized for the benefit of the library.

—The employees in the Recorder of Deeds Office presented to the retiring Recorder, Wm. H. Murphy, a handsome silver tea service.

—The residence of Irwin J. Wilson, at Belfry station, was robbed on Sunday of several suits of clothing, overcoat and a quantity of jewelry, while the members of Mr. Wilson's family were at church.

—Falling as he leaped from a train of cars Friday evening in Pottstown, Reuben Ettinger, aged 23, was run over and killed.

—The condition of Michael Schrack, of Trappe, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is somewhat improved.

—A Coatesville hercules offers to wager \$10 that he can lift a 1000 pound upright piano into a wagon without assistance.

—“Look before you leap.” Be sure you get Hood's Sarsaparilla when you call for it, and you will find health in its use.

Temperance Society Meeting.

The next meeting of the Trappe Temperance Society will be held at the United Evangelical church on Thursday evening, January 4.

A Request.

The Catholic Protector for boys at Faldan has been remembered in the will of Mrs. Margaret E. Ranely, of Philadelphia, to the extent of nearly \$1500. Thirteen thousand dollars is equally distributed among ten charitable institutions.

Watch Meeting.

Watch meeting services will be held in the M. E. church, Evansburg, next Sunday night, commencing at 10 o'clock, and to continue until old Father Time ushers in young 1900, and the last year of the nineteenth century.

A Big Mortgage.

A heavy mortgage has been placed on record in the Recorder of Deeds' office in Montgomery county. It is for \$200,000, and is given by the Inland Traction Company, running from Pottsville to Lansdale, to the Lehigh Valley Trust Company, of Allentown.

Old and Tough.

Jacob Gerhart, of Lower Salford township, has a pair of mules that are 36 and 37 years of age respectively. Mr. Gerhart had had the mules since they were two and a half years old. They have worn out three pairs of horses. One of the mules ran away three years ago.

Funeral Benefit Paid.

Last Thursday the Relief Committee of Benevolent Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Evansburg, paid to the widow of the late J. C. Detwiler, of Lower Providence, the sum of \$250, the usual funeral benefit provided for by the Order on account of a deceased member.

Christmas Service at Gratersford.

The annual Christmas exercises of the Gratersford Sunday School will be held in the chapel at that place next Saturday evening, December 30. In addition to the efforts of the members of the school an excellent address will be delivered by A. W. Bomberger Esq., of Norristown.

An Illustrated Lecture.

An illustrated lecture entitled “Sights that Catch the Tourist's Eye” will be given in Mennonite school house, Wednesday evening January 3, by Elias Detwiler. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Yerkess Y. W. C. T. U. Admission, 10 cents. Tickets will be on sale Friday, December 29.

Death of Mrs. Puhl.

Mary Ann, widow of the late Samuel Puhl, died Tuesday at her home near the Montgomery Almshouse, aged about 68 years. Mrs. Puhl had been in failing health for some time. A son and daughter, Samuel and Elizabeth, survive. The funeral will be held next Monday at 10 a. m. Interment at Lutheran cemetery, Trappe.

Killed on the Railroad.

Charles Valedus, an Italian, forty years old, residing at Bridgeport, was instantly killed Saturday morning by being struck by a freight train on the Trenton Cut-Off railroad, near King-of-Prussia. The unfortunate man has been employed with the construction crew for about three years. A widow and four children survive.

Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Essig, of this borough, celebrated the 30th anniversary of their wedding on Sunday by giving a dinner to their children. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William H. Essig and son Charles, Mr. J. Warren Essig and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Mack, all of Pottstown. It was also Mr. and Mrs. Mack's first wedding anniversary.

Rural Free Mail Delivery.

A movement to institute rural free mail delivery in the middle section of Montgomery county is being made by the Farmers' Union, Worcester. At a meeting held recently plans were formulated by which the territory to be covered will be specifically laid out into the proposed route. Congressman Wanger will then present the matter to the department at Washington.

An Order that Hits Smokers.

After hearing repeated complaints from ladies who utterly loathe the taste of the fumes of tobacco smoke, etc., the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company has issued an edict prohibiting all smoking on the platforms of trolley cars. Passengers who have been in the habit of using cigars and other forms of “filthy weed” on the rear platforms of trolley cars will be expected to do so no more. They will also be expected not to occupy the platforms at all, provided there is room inside the cars. This order is to be commended. The time may come when a smoking apartment may constitute the second-story of the average trolley car. Until such time slaves of the weed must “possess their souls in patience.”

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running nose or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of this tube restored to the normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Attempted Robbery.

Saturday night two negroes attempted to rob Mrs. Ellis, wife of former Burgess William Ellis, of Phoenixville, while on her way home. She fought off her assailants successfully, but was afterwards seriously prostrated by the effects of the exciting experience. A colored man, believed to have been her assailant, has been arrested.

Sesqui-Centennial Celebration.

Exercises commemorative of the sesqui-centennial of Trinity Reformed church, Pottstown, are being held this week. The pastor, Rev. S. K. Evans, D. D., preached the historical sermon Sunday evening. Rev. John Philip Leitch was the first pastor of the charge and served from 1749 to 1760. The present pastor was installed in 1871 and since then has been in continuous service.

Elocutionary Entertainment.

Miss Eleanor Vertrees Watkins, teacher of Elocution at Ursinus College, is making arrangements to give an exceptionally interesting entertainment on January 11, in Bomberger Hall. The program will include a one act farce, “A Fair Encounter,” a pantomime, recitations and instrumental and vocal music. The young ladies of the college will assist Miss Watkins in making the entertainment a most enjoyable event.

Hitting the Nail Squarely.

The Norristown Register says:—Of all the questionable schemes to raise money under the guise of helping a church the endless chain petition scheme is the most transparent. It is a new version of the old endless chain letter scheme. It is incredible that any church should resort to it, and the reasonable presumption is that it is the work of some smart, but unscrupulous individual. We are surprised to learn that it has met with favor from quite a number of the pettiest fraternity.

Christmas at the Hospital for the Insane.

Twenty-eight hundred packages of mixtures put up at the Norristown Hospital for the Insane and over a ton of turkey provided several days in advance for the patients and attendants at the institution were not forgotten on Christmas. Each patient and attendant received on Christmas morning a twelve-ounce package of fine confections and about 250 turkeys furnished dinner Monday for everyone within the gates of the hospital.

Application for Divorce.

In the courts of this county, Rachel, wife of Jacob Miller, of Sumneytown, filed an application for divorce from her husband, James F. Miller, the dynamite and powder manufacturer, whose plant was recently wrecked by an explosion. Mrs. Miller asked for allowance of \$350 counsel fees, and expenses and alimony in the sum of \$20 per week pending the divorce proceedings. In her bill she alleges cruel and barbarous treatment and indignities to her person at the hands of her husband, which renders her life miserable and intolerable.

Liberty of the President of the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company.

N. H. Lazzerle, Esq., the big-hearted President of the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company furnished the trolley car employees of said Company with substantial evidence of his special concern for the welfare of the Christmas. The trolley car each received a turkey, and the single men a box of high-grade cigars, each. The trolley boys think the President of the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company is hard to beat; and they are about right.

The Manufacture of Glass to be Resumed in Norristown.

At a meeting of the persons interested in operating the Norristown Window Glass Works, a company was organized, with the following officers: President, Adam Scheidt; Vice President, Ammon W. Geiger; Treasurer, H. H. Hobensack; Secretary, C. J. Craft. The Directors named are F. B. Willard, Isaac S. Yeakle, Michael Fennell, James A. Hurst, Charles Johnson, Walter S. Hutchinson and George W. March. More than enough money has been subscribed to put the works in first class working order.

General Manager Davids Remembered.

General Manager H. G. Davids, of the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company was surprised Saturday night. He was awakened from his slumbers shortly after eleven o'clock and informed that the trolley car that he had been on Standbridge street, and the office at the barn, where about thirty of the employees of the road were in waiting. Henry Holland, on behalf of the men, presented Mr. Davids with a handsome gold watch. The latter accepted the gift and thanked the men for their kindness.

A Quiet Home Wedding.

Miss Sallie B. Ebling and Otto F. Reichenbach, a son of Professor and Mrs. A. Reichenbach, of Trappe, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock on December 25, at the home of Mr. William McFarland, Trappe, in the presence of the immediate relatives. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. R. Brodhead, pastor of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church. After the hearty congratulations of those present, a sumptuous dinner was served. A number of beautiful and appropriate presents were received by the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Reichenbach left for a short wedding tour.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea.

Some time ago I purchased him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After giving him two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas C. Bower, Gloucester, O. For sale by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist, Collegeville, Pa.

Gone to Hunt the 'Coon.

E. M. Cleaver and his son Frank, of Lower Providence, left on Tuesday for Nanticoke, where they will hunt for 'coon. Mr. Cleaver took with him two fine hunting dogs belonging to H. H. Elliott, of Norristown.

Shooting Match.

On Christmas day a shooting match for a double-barreled gun was held in the meadow, near Perkiomen Bridge, by a number of the marksmen of this vicinity. There were eight contestants. Abram Landis was the winner of the prize.

Elected President.

At a meeting, Saturday, of the Board of Managers of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company, held in Shaw's hall, this borough, Henry W. Kratz, of Norristown, was elected President, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Geo. W. Steiner, of Ziegler'sville. The new President was one of the organizers of the Company, and for many years, while he resided at Trappe, served as its Secretary.

Died Suddenly.

Adolph Wald, aged about 70 years, residing about a mile west of Trappe, died suddenly Thursday afternoon. After eating breakfast he complained that he felt badly. In the afternoon he grew much worse and expired before a physician could be summoned. Deceased was a veteran of the war of 1863, having been a faithful soldier. He received a pension from the government. Coroner McGlathery decided that an inquest was not required.

FROM TRAPPE AND ROUNDABOUT.

The Mennonites held services in the little brick church on Sunday evening. They will hold revival services there this week.

Mrs. Thomas Puhl and Miss Lizzy Potts visited relatives in Royersford on Monday.

Jerome Klein, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Jacob Klein, at this place.

Harrison Alderfer is suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism.

H. B. Keyser, by order of the School Board of Upper Providence, purchased new desks for Bechtel's and Pennypacker's schools in Norristown on Tuesday.

Carl Shuler is suffering a severe attack of bronchitis.

B. Franklin Moyer continues to improve in health.

WEDDINGS IN THE LAST MONTH OF THE OLD YEAR.

At the Lutheran parsonage in Trappe, on Saturday afternoon, December 23, by Rev. W. O. Fegely, Mr. J. W. Brunner and Miss Anna K. Oxenford, both of Phoenixville.

At noon, Christmas Day, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James U. Bean of near Royersford, Miss Mary Bean and John T. Wagner, Esq., a member of the law firm of W. W. and Williams of Norristown, were united in wedlock by Rev. Mr. Hagler. The happy couple were the recipients of a number of gifts, ornamental and useful. They have taken up their residence at Ironbridge.

December 26, at 5 o'clock p. m., at the residence of the bride parents, by Rev. J. H. Hendricks, D. D., Mr. Clayton T. Hunsicker, of Collegeville, and Miss Nerva D. Collier, of Pottstown, were united in wedlock by Rev. Mr. Hagler. A large percentage of the sixty-five invited guests were present from Collegeville, Philadelphia, Norristown, Lansdale, Evansburg and the surrounding country generally. A very substantial supper in keeping with the season was in readiness for all present immediately after the ceremony was performed. Mr. Freed of Lansdale played the wedding march. The presents were useful, ornamental, and costly. In the coming spring Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hunsicker will permanently locate in Collegeville. Mr. Hunsicker expects to associate himself with his father, A. K. Hunsicker, in business.

YERKES AND VICINITY.

Hosts of visitors spent Christmas in this vicinity and helped to make the day an enjoyable one. The clear, cold weather, together with the many other good things added greatly to the pleasure of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Detwiler and family, of Ironbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Truckess, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gotsal on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hunsicker and family spent Monday with Mr. M. T. Hunsicker and family, at Ironbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mills returned to their home in Philadelphia Tuesday. Mr. Mills has almost recovered from having his collar bone broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Detwiler and daughter, of Roslyn, visited Mr. J. G. Detwiler and family Saturday.

Mr. Abram Reiner is very sick with pneumonia.

Miss Edna Albert is spending the week at her home in Olney, Philadelphia.

The Mennonite school is closed for this week.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation.

D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1893. In speaking of it he says: “I never found any relief until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and pained me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist, Collegeville, Pa.”

TRAPPE UNITED EVANGELICAL.

The Christmas exercises of the United Evangelical church, Trappe, were held on Christmas night. The attendance was large, and an excellent program was rendered. An address was made by the assistant Superintendent, Mr. Abram Buckwalter. The scholars were presented each with a box of candy and an orange.

WITH EVANSBURG M. E. CHURCH.

A special service consisting of recitations, addresses and music was rendered at the Evansburg Methodist Episcopal church on Saturday evening. Two handsomely trimmed trees and festoons of laurel

CHRISTMAS, 1899.

THE DAY OBSERVED IN COLLEGEVILLE AND VICINITY WITH THE USUAL FESTIVITIES. ENTERTAINMENTS AT THE VARIOUS CHURCHES.

With Christmas came the usual host of good things in the way of entertainments, home gatherings, and holiday observances. Santa Clause, from the general appearance of things, seems to have treated the little folks well; and among the older folks there was evinced the season's good cheer. Christmas festivals given by the various Sunday Schools in this place and vicinity attracted large audiences, and the exercises attending them proved fitting to the occasion.

AT TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH.

The exercises at Trinity Reformed church, this borough, were held on Saturday evening. The church was bedecked with laurel and evergreens in true Christmas fashion, presenting a beautiful and artistic appearance. The altar was made particularly attractive, in front of which stood a massive and bearing of gold the words, “Peace on earth, good will toward men.” Following is the order of exercises: Opening chorus, school; invocation by the pastor, Dr. Hendricks; choruses, “Ring the Bells”; Scripture lesson, St. Luke 2: 1-4; anthem by choir; recitation, “Where is He,” Cabaniss Hobson; chorus and solo, “Wonderful Glory”; exercises by Primary Department; choruses, “The Angel's Chorus”; exercise, “The Star and the Song”; recitation, George Borden; choruses, “Cheerily Singing”; recitation, Lizzy Lockman; address, Dr. Hendricks; choruses, “Beautiful Story”; recitation, “At Christmas”; Miss Thompson; collection; choruses, “Joy Joy, Joy”; presentations; recitation, Mary Klausfelder; closing choruses, “Star of the East”; benediction.

Each scholar received a box of candy, and those who attended the school every Sunday during the past year were rewarded with a book. Rev. P. H. Hoover was presented with a desk and chair by the members of the school.

ST. LUKE'S, TRAPPE.

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YULE-TIDE WITH THE LUTHERANS.

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IRONBRIDGE CHAPEL.

On Christmas night the Sunday school at Ironbridge held special exercises appropriate to the season. Following is the program: Choruses, school; prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hendricks; address of welcome, Claude Hunsicker; choruses, school; recitation, Randall Detwiler; Christmas exercise by nine girls; choruses, school; Scripture reading; recitation, Sadie Hunsicker; motion song, The Christ Child Born; exercise, primary scholars; choruses, school; singing by six little girls; solo, Susie Kulp; duet, The Angels song; recitation, Mary Hunsicker; choruses, primary scholars; addresses by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hendricks, and Mr. Isaiah Detwiler; solo, Give to the Poor; recitation, Bertha Saylor; offering; choruses, Glory to God in the Highest; benediction.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES'.

Christmas at St. James' Episcopal church, Evansburg, was fittingly observed on Sunday evening. The historic old church, dressed in holiday garb, presented a beautiful scene. Laurel festoons and a large Christmas tree served to make the church attractive. A special musical service, consisting of anthems, carols, and selections on the pipe organ, was rendered. The rector, Rev. A. J. Barrow, and the Sunday school superintendent, Professor E. M. Hyde, Dean of Ursinus College, delivered addresses appropriate to the occasion. The scholars were presented each with a box of candy and an orange.

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With Christmas came the usual host of good things in the way of entertainments, home gatherings, and holiday observances. Santa Clause, from the general appearance of things, seems to have treated the little folks well; and among the older folks there was evinced the season's good cheer. Christmas festivals given by the various Sunday Schools in this place and vicinity attracted large audiences, and the exercises attending them proved fitting to the occasion.

AT TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH.

The exercises at Trinity Reformed church, this borough, were held on Saturday evening. The church was bedecked with laurel and evergreens in true Christmas fashion, presenting a beautiful and artistic appearance. The altar was made particularly attractive, in front of which stood a massive and bearing of gold the words, “Peace on earth, good will toward men.” Following is the order of exercises: Opening chorus, school; invocation by the pastor, Dr. Hendricks; choruses, “Ring the Bells”; Scripture lesson, St. Luke 2: 1-4; anthem by choir; recitation, “Where is He,” Cabaniss Hobson; chorus and solo, “Wonderful Glory”; exercises by Primary Department; choruses, “The Angel's Chorus”; exercise, “The Star and the Song”; recitation, George Borden; choruses, “Cheerily Singing”; recitation, Lizzy Lockman; address, Dr. Hendricks; choruses, “Beautiful Story”; recitation, “At Christmas”; Miss Thompson; collection; choruses, “Joy Joy, Joy”; presentations; recitation, Mary Klausfelder; closing choruses, “Star of the East”; benediction.

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